

BUILDINGS ARE RISING

The Activity in That Direction Is Unprecedented.

IN ALMOST EVERY WAY

Building Material Now Easy to Secure and Money is Plentiful—The Marvelous Changes of Recent Years.

The click of the trowel and the sound of the hammer and saw make music now in every part of the city. With the opening of spring, building activity is seen on every hand. New houses are going up everywhere—not small, temporary structures, but residences, stores, factories and office structures that would be a credit to a far larger city. It is not a spurt.

This increased building is due to a number of perfectly reasonable causes. One of them is that it is now possible to get steel for the framing, a thing absolutely out of the question a year ago. Buildings that have been in contemplation for several years are now to be erected because it is possible to get the material to do so. The money has never been lacking. The banks and individuals of Richmond have abundance of money to be gotten at most reasonable rates on good security and no trouble at all has arisen from this source.

Other antecedents of this era of building are growth of business in the city, the increase of population and the enhancing value of property, making it necessary to go up in the air for more floor space. This and the demand for convenience of location to save time and worry are directly responsible for the first skyscraper of Richmond, to be erected at the southeast corner of Tenth and Main Streets, by the American National Bank.

STOP "DOUBLING UP."

The coming of more prosperous times had the effect of unloading the residences of the families, who in the hard times of 1893 and after "doubled up" to save rent. Many others who are prospering now as never before in their business are gratifying their long-cherished desire of having a residence built to suit their own needs and ideas.

This is seen operative in Lee District, where probably \$150,000 worth of property is now in course of erection and twice that sum has been completed in the past eighteen months.

The two points of transition in Richmond at present are Lee District and old Main Street from Twelfth to Fifth, seven of the most important squares on the street.

The visitor to Lee Monument even three years ago would not recognize the surroundings now. It was an old field then. It is to-day a well-built-up, beautiful section of the fashionable residence district of Richmond.

Five years from now, say three years from the present time, the Main Street of to-day will not be recognizable.

It is easy to suggest some of the changes which are to take place. The latest trade in Main Street property at the purchase by Mr. Virginia Newton of Nos. 110 1/2 to 116 East Main, having a frontage on the north side of Main of 52 feet and a depth of 90 feet. Small wooden structures, better suited to a period of fifty years in the past than to the present, are now on the valuable property, which Mr. Newton paid Messrs. McVeigh & Gilman, real estate agents, \$37,500. Mr. Newton is at present out of the city and nothing can be learned of his immediate object in acquiring this site. Possibly he will erect a bank building to be a modern home of the First National Bank, of which he is president. It may be another skyscraper, with offices flatterly among the clouds. On the next square going up-town, on the same side will stand the proposed million dollar post office, covering the sites of the present office and the Shafter building. This is not to assert that the new office will be secured in the next three years, remembering that it takes time to put a great government force into operation.

FIRST SKY-SCRAPER

On the other side of the street will shortly rise eight stories, the new home of the American National Bank, with offices on the seven floors above the first. Work of demolishing the present four-story building to make room for the first skyscraper has already begun, and from the debris of this will rise the stately walls of the other.

The first of next year the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia will begin the erection of another skyscraper at the corner of Ninth and Main streets. This is to be at least nine stories high, overtopping the Chamber of Commerce by four stories, and an effort is being made by prominent men to have the building ten or twelve stories skyscraper.

The next five years may bring material improvements at the corner of Tenth and Main, northwest corner. One or two stores have been erected or repaired on the north side of Main from Eighth to Ninth. At the southwest corner of Eighth and Main the Whitlock estate is to erect a handsome store and office building, and preparations therefor are being made. In five years, probably much less time, the Second Baptist Church will be gone from Sixth and Main, and stores or office buildings will take its place. But the chief change of all will be noticeable at Fifth and Main. Here the entire appearance of the place will be changed. Where the Allan house once stood are now rising residences.

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SMALL MONDAY DOCKET IN COURT

David Holloran Charged With Selling Liquor on Sunday. Police Court News.

"No more big dockets," said Squire Graves, "and I'm glad of it, for the baseball season is here, and I get to see the game."

Then he fined Henry Russell and Emmet Jones \$2.50 each for playing craps. James White and Josh Foster each paid \$2.50 for being disorderly on the street.

Dan Christian was assessed \$10 for beating Lucy Christian, and \$10 for resisting Officer Wiley, and in addition to that he was put under bonds for six months in the sum of \$200.

Richard Randolph, colored, is charged with beating Minnie Robinson, and on June 6th he will endeavor to explain the matter to the satisfaction of the court.

David Holloran stands charged with selling liquor in bottles on Sunday. A policeman thought he saw a man at a distance hand a bottle to another man, and the other man hand something back. The inference was that it was an exchange of whiskey for money, and the policeman thought it came from Holloran. The facts will be brought out tomorrow.

The number of drunks was not as large as usual for a Monday, and they were disposed of in the usual way.

WEDDING GIFTS!

We have all the latest styles upon which Fashion has set her seal of approval. Our goods are from the workshops of the leading jewelers of the country, such as Gorham, etc. The popularity and reasonableness of our goods, the honesty with which we treat each and every one, has won for this store the valued approbation of the Richmond public.

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COMING FLOODS

A Prophet Predicts Disaster for the 8th and 9th.

The following solemn warning has been received by The Times-Dispatch:

Richmond, Va., June 1, 1903.

Dear People of Richmond—Let me say to you in the name of the Lord, the Lord our God will send a fresh down on us in the 8th and 9th of June and it will be the most fearful of plagues. Street market and all other low places extending out to the hills. I have heard of great men prophesying that the year 1903 will fall. It failed to come to pass, but I will make myself known in time. Advise everybody to be on the watch, up and doing.

Said your friend,
J. W. JEFFERSON,
No. 2812 East Franklin Street.

At Laurel Street.

Despite the inclement weather, a good congregation was present at Laurel Street Methodist Church on Sunday night to hear the pastor, Dr. Henry E. Johnson, preach a sermon to young men, basing his remarks on the words, "What is Your Life?"

The sermon was both profound and logical and made a deep impression upon the young men present. Dr. Johnson urged the young men to take advantage of the spare moments, which they have, to read good books, and improve their minds for future usefulness to the State and Church. He cited instances of great men in this country without means, but with plenty of pluck and determination, reaching the highest pinnacle of success by applying themselves to hard study. "Take heed to your Saviour and instructor," said Dr. Johnson, "and learn of him." Consecrate your life to his service, and when you have consecrated your life to Christ and improved your intellect, you will then become better citizens.

Dr. Johnson will speak again on next Sunday night from the words, "The Best Place for a Young Man to Be." Two persons were received into the church.

Crigan Investigation.

The Crigan investigation will be continued to-morrow afternoon, the board meeting at 10 o'clock and to continue in the evening until a vote is reached, with a recess of one hour at 7 o'clock. Quite a number of witnesses are yet to be examined.

Go to State Farm.

The Governor and Major Helms, superintendent of the penitentiary will go up to the State Farm this morning to spend the day. His Excellency and the Major are accustomed to make occasional visits to the farm to see how things are getting on.

Judgments Rendered.

Judgments were rendered in the Circuit Court yesterday in the following cases: Fleeghenberger, receiver, vs. R. W. Thompson, \$251; same vs. F. B. Phillips \$225.

WILL MEET HERE

Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Honor, will be held in this city, beginning June 9th.

While the headquarters of the members will be the Jefferson Hotel, all the meetings will be held in the Masonic Temple.

The Executive Committee will assemble on June 6th to make the necessary arrangements. The convention itself promises to be a most interesting one. Much excellent work has been done during the year by the order.

Apart from the regularly appointed representation a number of prominent officers and members are expected. Among them are the following: Supreme Dictator, Dr. B. Biggs, Boston, Mass.; Supreme Vice-Dictator, Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Edgefield, S. C.; Supreme Assistant Dictator, Clarke H. Johnson, Providence, R. I.; Supreme Reporter, Hon. Noah M. Givan, St. Louis, Mo.; Supreme Treasurer, James W. Branch, St. Louis, Mo.; Supreme Chancellor, Rev. H. M. Hope, Petersburg, Va.; Supreme Guide, Hon. John H. Hancock, Louisville, Ky.; Supreme Guardian, Christopher Hewig, Evansville, Ind.; Supreme Sentinel, H. H. Collier, Memphis, Tenn.; Supreme Trustees, Frank B. Siler, Hot Springs, Ark.; B. C. Wood, New York, N. Y.; L. S. Ledbetter, Cedarblow, Ga.; Past Supreme Dictator, Hon. L. A. Gray, Louisville, Ky.; Supreme Master of Exchequer, Dr. H. C. Dalton, St. Louis, Mo.

BOXES BURNED OUT

Storm Does Great Damage to the Fire Alarm System.

The storm Saturday night did great damage to the fire alarm system in the lower end of the city. Lightning struck several of the boxes on a circuit in Fulton, and they were all burned out.

Superintendent Thompson made his rounds of the damaged district yesterday and brought in the damaged boxes, with the view of putting others in shortly.

The occurrence was not an altogether unusual one, though such a thing had not happened for some little time.

Chancery Court.

The regular June term of the Chancery Court commenced yesterday. Judge Daniel Crigman presiding. A number of lawsuits were on hand, and several cases were heard and others set for hearing later on.

Judge Designated.

Governor Montague yesterday designated Judge Charles E. Nicol, of Prince William, to hold court for Judge Thomas W. Harrison in Frederick county on June 8th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparations Being Made for the Corner-Stone Laying.

In all the Catholic churches of the city Sunday announcements were made of the laying of the corner-stone of the new Cathedral next Thursday. Invitations were also extended to the congregations to attend the reception to be tendered on Wednesday evening at the present Cathedral to His Excellency the apostolic delegate, who will come from Washington to preside at the ceremonies.

One of the distinct features of the corner-stone laying will be the procession of the Catholic men of the city. All the men have been invited to meet at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Sacred Heart Church. The clergy will join them there, and the assemblage will march in a body to the site of the new church, to be present at the laying of the corner-stone.

A rehearsal of the Cathedral choir will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening, to prepare for the reception to the delegate. Any member of other Catholic choirs of this city will be welcomed.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Beautiful Service Sunday at Broad Street Church.

Beautiful services were held Sunday morning at the Broad Street Methodist Church in connection with the annual celebration of children's day.

The programme included hymns by the infant and other classes, recitations and a tableau. It was arranged as follows: Recitation, "Child's Prayer," little Miss Mary Phillips; recitation, "Because He Did Not Think," Misses Margaret Gibson, Lillian Munn and Masters Alec Taylor and Leon Phillips.

"The Queen's Summer" with attendants, Ross, Daisies, Johnny Jump-Ups and Little Rainbow Girls, was the tableau, with recitations. This feature so delighted the congregation that many remained after the exercises to meet at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Sacred Heart Church. The clergy will join them there, and the assemblage will march in a body to the site of the new church, to be present at the laying of the corner-stone.

Alarm Turned In.

An alarm was turned in yesterday at 11 o'clock for No. 1841 Venable Street. No damage was done, the fire having been confined to the burning out of a foul chimney.

Citizen Naturalized.

Robert James Donnelly, a native of Canada, was yesterday admitted to citizenship in the Circuit Court of this city.

YEMASSEE TURNS BACK ON RICHMOND

Clyde Company Has Withdrawn from Richmond for Present at Least.

At daylight this morning the Yemassee, of the Clyde Steamship Company turned her nose down the river, and left Richmond behind, never to return, at least, not for a definite length of time.

The boats of the well known line will come to Richmond no more for the present. When the Yemassee reaches Philadelphia she will "swing to" at the Chesapeake and Ohio docks, of Newport News, and there discharge her cargo. The freight consigned to Richmond will be unloaded with the rest and brought here by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. The Yemassee did not reach Richmond yesterday afternoon until late. But her cargo was discharged, and the out-bound freight loaded in time for her departure at the break of day this morning. Mr. Britchard will remain for several days and will then go to Newport News, where he will still look after the interests of his company.

MANY CHARTERS WERE GRANTED

Corporation Commission Receiving Numerous Applications.

The Corporation Commission is now receiving many applications for charters for domestic corporations and applications for registration for foreign corporations desiring to do business in this State. The commission does not know definitely yet when it will be able to get into its permanent quarters in the City Hall, and is therefore in congested conditions until more commodious quarters are provided. The contract for the interior changes and equipment of the City Hall rooms has been let, and it is anticipated that the offices of the commission will be removed in a week or two at most.

A charter has been granted to the Pocahontas Company, a corporation formed to develop mineral lands and to take up and work coal property in Augusta and Rockingham counties. The particular mines to be developed are anthracite deposits in North River Gap, Augusta county, near the West Virginia line, and known as the Dora mines. The company is capitalized at \$200,000, and the incorporators named are: Edgar Madden, William H. Hall, John C. Ward, M. Yorks and E. W. Mills. The general offices of the company will be at No. 1014 East Main Street.

The Bank of Claremont was incorporated yesterday, with A. G. Winter, H. H. Chesbro and T. S. Ayers as incorporators. The company will conduct a private banking house at Claremont, Va.

A charter was granted yesterday to the Southern Machine Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, of Manchester, Va., with A. C. Goodie, F. A. Warren, W. D. Leake, W. A. Bicker, F. B. Tolson as incorporators. The maximum capital stock of the company is \$25,000, and its business the manufacture of light machinery and automobiles.

The Capital Chemical and Manufacturing Company of Alexandria, was chartered yesterday, with Samuel E. Tatum, J. R. Woodley, Edwin H. Hay and Ella S. Riley, all of Alexandria, as incorporators. The company will manufacture and sell patent medicines.

A charter was granted by the Corporation Commission to the Newport News Social and Athletic Club.

Application for license to do business in Virginia was made by the Chesapeake and Ohio Grain Elevator Company, a corporation chartered in the State of New Jersey.

The commission yesterday granted license to these foreign corporations to do business in this State:

Pocahontas Coal and Coke Company, a corporation chartered under the laws of New Jersey, with its Virginia office in Tazewell county, S. D. May is named as the representative of the company authorized to enter an appearance in its behalf in any proceeding in this State.

The Danville Co-operative Warehouse Company, Incorporated under the laws of the State of West Virginia, was authorized to do business in this State, and W. T. Harris, of Danville, is named as the representative. The principal office of the company is at Danville.

There has been filed with the commission a statement of the basis or financial plan of stock to be issued by the Virginia Consolidated Milling Company, of Emporia.

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On July 22d, 23d, 24th and 27th the Southern Railway will sell special tickets to Asheville and return, from all points in Virginia, North and South Carolina, at one fare, plus 25 cents, with return limit August 2d.

This offers a splendid opportunity to those wishing to visit the beautiful "Land of the Sky."

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Southern Educational Association, Asheville, N. C. June 30-July 3, 1903.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell special tickets from all points to Asheville and return at one fare, plus 25 cents, plus \$2 membership fee. Tickets on sale June 27th to July 31st, inclusive; limited to July 10th.